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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – STRATEGIC PROGRAMMATIC  
OVERVIEW OF THE NUCLEAR MATERIALS USERS AND  
DECOMMISSIONING AND LOW-LEVEL WASTE BUSINESS  
LINES, 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012,  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT  
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the near-term priorities and challenges, longer-term projections, trends, and challenges, and emerging focus areas of the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs' (FSME) business lines: Nuclear Materials Users and Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste.

The staff should exhaust all means of working with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to identify those hospitals and medical facilities that have potentially violated NRC security requirements as observed by GAO, and should report back to the Commission with any recommendations for Commission involvement, if necessary. (See GAO-12-925, Nuclear Nonproliferation – Additional Actions Needed to Improve Security of Radiological Sources at U.S. Medical Facilities)

The staff should be as clear as possible with uranium recovery applicants regarding budgetary constraints and communicate realistic schedules for processing applications and other licensing actions.

As contemplated by the Atomic Energy Act, the Commission has benefited from the views of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) before deciding on significant policy issues. FSME should report to the Commission on the process and criteria by which it selects matters for ACRS review, per the October 28, 2009, Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the EDO and the Executive Director of ACRS, entitled "ACRS Participation in the Development of NRC Rules, Safety- and Risk-Significant Guidance, Licensing Decisions, and Resolution of Technical Issues." FSME should also identify areas in which it would benefit from future ACRS technical input, if available.

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Commissioner Apostolakis  
Commissioner Magwood  
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